



MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM

Request for Funding FY2028



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Project Number: _____

Average Merit Score: _____

Requesting Agency: _____

PROJECT SUMMARY



1. Title of Project: *red outlines indicate required fields*

BSL Municipal Harbor Beach Amenities & Improvements



2. Location of Project:

100 Jody Compretta Drive
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520



3. Requesting Agency

City of Bay St. Louis

3.a Select your Office (DMR Applicants Only)

4. Requesting Agency Representative:



a. Name: Mike Favre



b. Phone: (228) 466-8951



c. Fax:



d. Address: 688 Hwy 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520



e. Email: mfavre@baystlouis-ms.gov

5. Project Manager:



a. Name: Jason Chiniche



b. Phone: (228) 467-6755



c. Fax:



d. Address: 407 Hwy 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520



e. Email: jason@chiniche.com



6. Funding Requested:

500000.00

6a. Requested Funding
for Required Match:

6b. Amount Above
Matching Funds:



7. Matching Funds:



8. Source of Matching Funds:



9. Total Project Funds

\$ 500,000.00

Joint Project Information

Is this a Joint Project?

Yes

☐

No

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If yes, enter the agency:

Other Agency's Contact:



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? 10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The City of Bay St. Louis proposes a series of enhancements to the Bay St. Louis Harbor to improve public access, recreational opportunities, and the overall experience for both residents and visitors. These improvements aim to increase use of the city's waterfront while ensuring environmental protection and accessibility. Planned features include a floating pier and kayak launch on the north side of the Jimmy Rutherford Fishing Pier, offering safe, convenient access for nonmotorized watercraft. To support alternative transportation, the City will add additional golf cart parking near the beach and harbor. To ensure safe and ADA-compliant pedestrian access, the City will repair and upgrade existing sidewalks and walkways. Recreational additions include beach volleyball courts to encourage active use of the beach front. Solar-powered or turtle-safe lighting will be installed along pedestrian areas to enhance safety. Permanent shaded picnic areas and beach bench seating will provide comfort for families and groups. The project also includes designated vendor pads with electrical hookups to support small businesses and seasonal vendors, and bird-safe trash receptacles to reduce litter and protect local wildlife.

? 11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

- Enhance public access to the beaches and recreational activities
- Promote outdoor activities for families and tourists
- Increase the safety and convenience of accessing the beach and waterfront activities
- Support local tourism to boost the economy

? 12. LIST Project Benefits:

The proposed floating pier and kayak launch, along with additional golf cart parking spaces, will significantly enhance beach accessibility and recreational opportunities for local residents and tourist. Additionally, it will offer a safe entry point to the beach and the water for local residents and tourists to enjoy.



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? 13. LIST Project Tasks:

Project Design
Permitting
Bid Phase
Construction Phase
Project Close Out

? 14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

Project Design - 3 months
Permitting - 2 months
Bid Phase - 1 month
Construction Phase - 4 months
Project Close Out - 1 month

? 15. If this project has been funded previously through Tidelands Trust Fund indicate which fiscal years: *(type N/A if not applicable)*

n/a

? 16. Project Timing:



Short-term (3 years or less)



Deferred/long-term (3 – 5 years)



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APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

? 17. Is this a Multi-Phase Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

18. Is any part of this project located on private property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

19. Is there an existing lease between the requesting agency and property owner? ☐ Yes ☒ No

20. If required, are the plans approved by the DMR Permitting Office? ☐ Yes ☒ No

? 21. Will this project enhance an existing water-dependent activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Identify the activity:

Local fishing, Kayaking, and Access to the Beach, Water and Harbor.

? 22. Does this project coordinate with other existing or planned projects? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Identify the project(s):

Existing Municipal Harbor & Fishing Pier

? 23. Will this project involve impacting, filling, or dredging coastal wetlands? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, what acreage:

? 24. Identify the constituency or interest group(s) which this project will serve:

Fishermen, Ecotourists, Local Residents, Tourists, and Outdoor Enthusiasts that enjoy kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boarding.

? 25. Identify the service that this project will provide to the group(s) identified in 24:

Safe and adequate access to the water for recreational activities such as fishing and kayaking



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26. Project Category:

(more than one may apply)

- ☒ Conservation
- ☐ Reclamation
- ☐ Preservation
- ☐ Acquisition
- ☐ Education
- ☒ Public Access
- ☒ Public Improvement
- ☐ Other (Identify)



27. Current status of architectural/ engineering plans & specifications for this project (if applicable): (check one from each group)

- Group 1:
- ☐ Completed
 - ☐ In Progress
 - ☐ Ready to Bid
 - ☒ Other (identify)

Planning

- Group 2:
- ☐ Paid for
 - ☐ Funds budgeted
 - ☒ Funds not budgeted



28. Categorize the benefits from 12:

- ☒ Environmental
- ☒ Economic
- ☒ Safety
- ☒ Public
- ☐ Other (identify)



29. Have other State or Federal funding sources been identified for the project?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, identify:



30. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources and the Secretary of State's Office, which include enhancing, protecting, conserving and providing public access to tidelands affected areas?

This project will provide public access for all residents while protecting and conserving the natural habitat. It will also satisfy the need for an additional fishing, paddle boarding, and kayaking area for all to enjoy.



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31. Summarize, in paragraph form, your Tidelands Application below. Give additional detail from TTF-1 Section 7 and include how the project will meet the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act and the potential benefits that would be derived from receipt of Tidelands Trust Funds.

This project clearly aligns with the core objectives of the Public Trust Tidelands Act, which mandates that tidelands be used to benefit the general public by preserving and enhancing public access to coastal waters, encouraging responsible recreational use, and protecting natural resources. The City of Bay St. Louis proposed improvements meet these requirements by expanding and improving public access infrastructure, including the addition of a floating pier and kayak launch for non-motorized boating and fishing activities. These features promote public enjoyment of Mississippi's tidelands in a manner that is low-impact and accessible to a wide range of users. The installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks and walkways ensures that access to the harbor and beach areas is inclusive, serving individuals with disabilities and meeting the Act's requirement for equitable public use. Similarly, the addition of golf cart parking facilitates access for seniors and others who rely on alternative mobility options, especially in a community where golf carts are a popular and practical mode of beach transportation. The inclusion of passive and active recreational amenities such as beach volleyball courts, shaded picnic areas, and bench seating contributes to the year-round use and enjoyment of the tidelands for residents and tourists alike. These elements foster a stronger public connection to coastal lands, a core tenet of the Public Trust Tidelands Act. Further supporting the Act's goals, the project incorporates environmentally responsible design features, including solarpowered, turtle-safe lighting to reduce nighttime disruption to native species, and bird-safe trash receptacles to prevent wildlife harm while reducing coastal pollution. These demonstrate the City's commitment to both access and stewardship, ensuring that development enhances, rather than compromises, the ecological value of the tidelands. Lastly, the addition of vendor pads with electrical hookups offers a way to support public-serving commercial activity without restricting access or privatizing public spaces. These pads limited to public-serving uses such as food, recreation, or beach rentals further supporting the public trust doctrine by encouraging economic use of tidelands for the benefit of the entire community. In total, this project delivers measurable public access improvements, environmental protections, recreational value, and local economic opportunity, all firmly within the scope of what the Public Trust Tidelands Act and Tidelands Trust Funds were created to support.



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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

1

33. Estimated Completion Date:

2029

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

1

35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:

Signature

Date

Requesting Agency Representative:

Signature

Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate

*Progress notes must be submitted semi-annually on Public Access projects and DMR projects, and quarterly on Managed projects.



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BUDGET

	?	?	?	?	?	
Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salaries, wages, Fringe						\$ 0.00
Travel						\$ 0.00
Architecture & Engineering	75,000					\$ 75.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction	425,000					\$ 425.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00

Funding Sources	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
*Tidelands Funding Reallocated (Project #:_____, Year_____)						\$ 0.00
**Tidelands Funding Awarded						\$ 0.00
***Federal Grants Funding						\$ 0.00
***FEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
***MEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
***CDBG Funding						\$ 0.00
***In-Kind Donations						\$ 0.00
***Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Instructions:

1. If project will be completed in one year, complete only the "Year 1" budget column.
2. If project will be completed in two years, complete "Year 1" and "Year 2" columns.
3. Follow the same process as above for "Year 3", "Year 4", and "Year 5", if project will not be completed for 5 years.
4. *This should be completed only if you plan to reallocate existing funds to this project.
5. **This should only be completed if you were awarded funds in previous Tidelands year for other phases of this same project.
6. ***Refer only to matching funds secured for this project.



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